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FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF AMB. SCALI'S STATEMENT EXPLAINING
US VOTE AGAINST RESOLUTION INVITING PLO TO PARTICIPATE IN PLENARY
DEBATE OF PALESTINE QUESTION:

IT SHOULD BE CLEAR FROM MANY STATEMENTS BY MY
GOVERNMENT OVER THE PAST MONTHS AND YEARS THAT OUR VOTE
TODAY IN NO WAY REFLECTS A LACK OF UNDERSTANDING OR
SYMPATHY FOR THE VERY REAL CONCERNS AND YEARNING FOR
JUSTICE OF THE PALESTINIAN PEOPLE. RATHER IT REFLECTS
OUR CONSISTENT CONVICTION THAT THE JUSTICE THEY SEEK
WILL COME ONLY A PART OF A PEACE THAT IS JUST FOR ALL
THE PARTIES. THIS JUST PEACE MUST BE NEGOTIATED WITH
UTMOST CARE, AND MUST LEAD TO AN OVERALL SETTLEMENT OF
THE ARAB-ISRAELI CONFLICT, AT THE HEART OF WHICH WE ALL
RECOGNIZE LIES THE PALESTINIAN PROBLEM. OUR VOTE ALSO
REFLECTS A DEEP CONCERN THAT THE RESOLUTION BEFORE US
COULD BE INTERPRETED BY SOME AS PREJUDGING THAT NEGOTIATING
PROCESS AND MAKE A DURABLE SETTLEMENT MORE DIFFICULT
TO ACHIEVE. IN THAT SENSE, THE RESOLUTION COULD HAVE THE
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ULTIMATE EFFECT OF WORKING AGAINST THE INTERESTS OF A
PALESTINIAN SETTLEMENT.

THE WORLD KNOWS HOW TIRELESSLY WE HAVE SOUGHT TO MOVE
THE MIDDLE EAST FROM THE SCOURGE OF WAR TO THE PATH OF
PEACE. FOR US TO HAVE VOTED OTHER THAN WE DID WOULD
BE INCONSISTENT WITH AND HARMFUL TO OUR EFFORTS TO
HELP PROMOTE A JUST AND LASTING PEACE THAT TAKES INTO

ACCOUNT THE LEGITIMATE NEEDS OF ALL THE STATES AND
PEOPLES IN THE MIDDLE EAST.

I SHOULD ALSO LIKE TO EXPRESS MY GOVERNMENT'S PROFOUND
CONCERN OVER THE RESOLUTION'S DEPARTURE FROM THE LONG-
STANDING PRECEDENT THAT ONLY REPRESENTATIVES OF GOVERNMENTS
SHOULD BE ALLOWED TO PARTICIPATE IN PLENARY DELIBERATIONS.
HAVE WE CREATED A DANGEROUS PRECEDENT WHICH MAY RETURN
TO HAUNT THIS ORGANIZATION, PERHAPS CRIPPLE ITS EFFECTIVENESS?

MR. PRESIDENT, I WANT TO MAKE CLEAR THAT THE ONLY BASIS
FOR A JUST NEGOTIATED SETTLEMENT IS AND MUST REMAIN
SECURITY COUNCIL RESOLUTIONS 242 AND 338. THE
RESOLUTION PASSED TODAY CANNOT ALTER THE BASIS,
AND OUR EFFORTS WILL GO FORWARD IN THAT ESTABLISHED
AND WIDELY ACCEPTED FRAMEWORK.
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